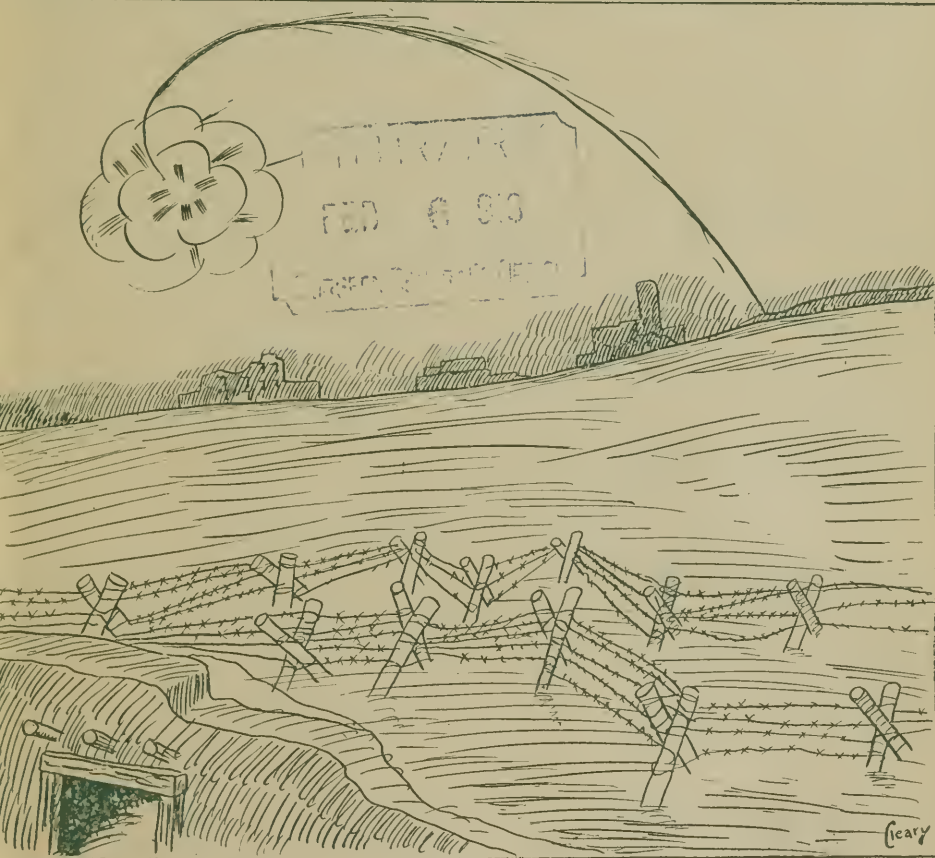


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WE have reasons to believe, speaking modestly, that the STAR SHELL compares favorably with any publication printed by any hospital in the United States. We know that no hospital in the country has a better staff of medical men, nor a more efficient corps of nurses, nor a more willing group of corps men. We know that no hospital is better located for its needs than is this institution. We are assured by inspectors that our hospital is kept in an exceptionally good sanitary condition. Colonel Bushnell, a man who does not use flattery, wrote Captain Walsh recently after having paid us a visit: "It gives me great pleasure to visit an institution such as you have."

Considering everything at this hospital, there is not a man here but what should feel proud of this institution. There are of course some things we would have different, but the advantages far outnumber the disadvantages. We should feel that we are very fortunate in having been sent to one of the very best hospitals in the United States.

This hospital is not as large; it does not have as many officers, nurses and corps men; nor is it located as near large cities as many hospitals. But for efficient treatment of patients, we challenge any institution to show better results.

**Stand by Your Hospital, be Proud of It; Stand by Your Flag, Honor It; Stand by Your Country, be True to It.**

## Rockwood Wins

Due to lack of practice, No. 17's Basket Ball team was defeated 25 to 16, by Rockwood, at that place, Jan. 17.

Aside from the numerous fouls on both sides, mainly due to the under-sized floor, the game was fast and interesting. This was noticable by the enthusiasm the crowd showed throughout the entire game. The playing on both sides was characteristic of good team work, and very little individualism was noticeable on either side.

Within the first 30 seconds of play Oelke tipped the ball in, giving the Hospital boys the first 2 points of the game. Soon after, he made a second basket which brought the score 4 to 0. This stride broke when our boys began to foul and McVickers tossed them from the foul line. Before the game it was noticed that McVickers was kept busy practicing foul shots and it was his skill at those shots which won for Rockwood.

The first half continued with Rockwood slowly creeping up for a big lead on the Hospital team. With the score standing 17 to 6 in favor of Rockwood, the half ended.

With such a lead it looked as though the Hospital team would have a very high score run up against them before the finish. Never-the-less, with the whistle of the second half, our boys went in determined to do their utmost in redeeming themselves for the loss of the first half.

In the last half of the game our boys made a much better showing. The experience of the first half combined with a strong determination to regain the loss, put new "pep" into each of the players and when "time" was called the score for that half stood 10 to 8 in favor of the Hospital team.

### FIRST HALF

Hospital No. 17		Rockwood
Oelke	C	Yutzy
Thayer	R F	Richark
Kerl	L F	McVickers
Coler	R G	Otto
Robinson	L G	Schrock

Field Baskets :—Oelke 2, Richark 2, McVickers 3.

Fouls on Hosp. No. 17, 12; on Rockwood, 8.

Points by fouls :—Kerl 2, McVickers 7.  
Score :—Hosp. No. 17, 6; Rockwood, 17.

### SECOND HALF

Hospital No. 17		Rockwood
Oelke (Swift)	C	Yutzy
Triponel	R F	Richark
Thayer	L F	McVickers
Coler	R G	Otto
Robinson	L G	Atchson

Field Baskets :—Oelke 1, Triponel 2, Thayer 1, Robinson 1, McVickers 1, Otto 1.

Fouls on Hosp. No. 17, 9; on Rockwood, 5.

Points by fouls :—Richark 1, McVickers 3.

Score :—Hosp. No. 17, 10; Rockwood 8.

Final Score :—Hospital No. 17, 16; Rockwood, 25.

## Detachment Dance

Friday night one of those very attractive and unique Myersdale-Markleton dances was held in the halls of the hospital building.

The success of the dance was due to the interest manifested by the Meyersdale people, and the pleasures of the occasion we hope were enjoyed by all present.

Members of the Mothers' Service Club acted as chaperons, and a part of the Meyersdale band furnished the music.

During the intermission the party was invited to the mess hall and a delicious lunch was served. We always welcome occasions of this kind.

## Striped for Action

Civilian (to rookie)—What are those three white stripes for on your collar?

Rookie—They stand for three great naval battles—Bunker Hill, Manila Bay, and Gettysburg.

—*W. L. Myer, U. S. N. in Judge*



## The Remarkable Reo

SOME things are born great; some obtain greatness; and some have greatness thrust upon them. Our Reo, the mechanical toy of the hospital, is fortunate for it has obtained its popularity in all three ways. At present, however, it is neglected and stands unprotected in the garage court, but its pride is not broken nor its spirit dead.

The Reo entered society at an Auto Show held at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

When the show was over and the number that won the car announced, the management had difficulty in finding the owner. People became interested and the newspapers made special announcements. Finally one morning at a breakfast table it became the topic of conversation, and one of the family decided to look up the number of the ticket she owned. Her surprise was great and her faith in lucky numbers



It was clean and polished and set on a pedestal so that the public could gaze on it and admire its artistic lines and marvelous mechanism. It was a show car—and many were the people that longed to own it.

Because it was a special car it was to reach its owner in a special way; so the manager of the Auto Show numbered his admission tickets. The one that held the lucky number was to own the car. The price of admission was twenty-five cents. The person who won the car went to the show only once. She must have had a premonition, for when she passed our Reo she remarked, "That car is mine." This remark was made as a jest, no doubt, but it did finally prove to be a fact.

greater, for she had won the car. The Reo was sent to Markleton, Pa., where it was to live and die.

The years of its usefulness were many and during its terms of service it made long trips and carried many passengers. It made regular trips to the station to get freight and express. One day there was no freight for it so it was loaded with men and carried seven large fellows up the hill from the station.

It made trips to Rockwood, Somerset, Confluence and Uniontown and held its own on the road. It traveled over all the mountains around Markleton, and only once was it towed home because it broke down.

The one thrilling experience of its life was the time it ran away. One time



One of the Tires on the Reo

when it was returning home it got the best of its driver and ran down hill at a rate exceeding its speed limit. It went so fast it could not keep the road so it ran off and rolled down the bank. Its occupants were thrown out, but not injured; its load of plums was scattered; and it turned turtle. When it was rescued it was all right except for a broken wind shield, so it was driven home.

When the car was new it was a fine machine and had all the accessories that belong to a car of its type—and its service has been as complete as its equipment. It was finished Nov. 28,

1910, by the company; and completely finished about the same month 1918, by the patients.

For the past two years it has been resting under a shed near the hospital. When the automobile school was started here for patients it was brought in and formed the nucleus around which that course was built.

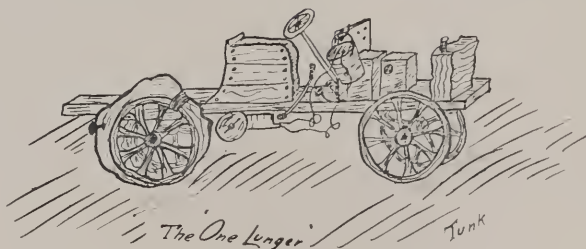
Under the direction of a competent instructor it was completely dissected, rebuilt and run again; and many a time we have heard it as it wended its way around the hospital grounds. It has lost all adornment and we know it only as, "a joy forever."

A ride on the Reo, since it has been repaired in the auto school, is as thrilling as a dash down a Shoot the Shoot. Its tires are torn and unequally flat so, as you move forward you also move from side to side making symmetrical waves. Unless you are used to the saddle you will cut perpendicular waves as it bounces ever forward. But not ever forward, for, for a period it would move only backward, but it still persisted in having a wavering course for itself and its driver.

It is shorn of all its beauty now and is no longer used, but as a monument to ante bellum days it is unique. It did its "bit" when the emergency made demands and it shall have honors.

There stands the Reo, all battered and shorn;

Its crank is all rusty, the tires are torn,  
The hood, it is gone, and so is the horn,  
So there stands the Reo, all forlorn.



~ Our Only Hopeless Case ~

# The Marigold Quartet

The Marigold Quartet, a high class, female concert company, managed by the Redpath Lyceum Bureau of Pittsburgh, gave a most delightful entertainment at the hospital on Saturday night, Jan. 18.

The quartet is composed of four talented young ladies, who in search of the best in art came from widely separated parts of the United States to New York City. The club was organized there and has been and is a wonderful success. We were fortunate in being able to secure their services for a concert.

Miss Mildred Whitcomb sang first soprano; Miss Ferrel Shafer sang second soprano and served as pianist; Miss Florence Brady was first alto and Miss Katharine LaSheck, second alto. The ladies were all very attractive, and won continuous applause from the audience.

The program was made up of popular, classical and secular music, and when a particularly favorite number was announced a murmur of enthusiastic delight could be heard from the audience. They sang sacred, college, pastoral, and patriotic songs and interspersed medleys and dances. Several of the numbers were character songs and the ladies appeared in realistic costumes.

Miss LaSheck was a great success as an Irish girl singing an Irish medley, and a trio of them played an exciting base ball game. The girls were very much alive in their work, and the audience responded to their songs with spirit.

The program as rendered was :

- 1 Introductory—The Marigolds
- 2 Carry Me Back to Old Virginny
- 3 The Yankee Girl
- 4 An Ancient Romance
- 5 An Old Fashioned Wife

- 6 When Phyllis Danced the Minuet
- 7 Jump Jim Crow  
Quartet
- 8 Solo—The Little Brown Owl  
Miss Whitcomb
- 9 Wait Till the Cows Come Home  
From Jack O' Lantern
- 10 The Floral Dance
- 11 Barcarolle ( from Tales of Hoffman )  
Miss Whitcomb and Miss LaSheck
- 12 "Come to Our Hearts and Abide"  
Quartet
- 13 Knitting Song  
We're Tenting Tonight  
Fritzie Boy
- 14 Pastoral  
Miss Whitcomb
- 15 Irish Medley  
Miss LaSheck
- 16 Lockinvar's Ride  
Quartet
- 17 Medley of College Songs
- 18 Base Ball Song
- 19 Patriotic Finale—Uncle Sam

The large dining hall was crowded for the entertainment and everyone said it was the best entertainment of the season.

Sunday morning at the Y. M. C. A. service they sang again for the fellows.

NEW

## Non Commissioned Officers Form Club

The non-commissioned officers at this post met last week and formed themselves into an organization. The purpose of this organization is to promote a good spirit among the men at the Hospital, and provide entertainment and amusement for all the men.

Capt. Wood was at the meeting and spoke of the possibilities a club of this kind had at its command to keep up the morale of the boys. He was glad for the organization and hoped we

could have many social functions during the winter.

After the discussions on the purpose of the club a business meeting was held, Sergt. Hall acting as temporary chairman.

The following officers were elected :— President, Sergt. Ray W. Miller.

Financial Secretary, Sergt. John Hensberger.

Recording Secretary, Sergt. J. Thayer.

The president made a short inaugural address and then proceeded to appoint the following committees :

Committee on By-Laws ; Sergt. C. W. Pearson chairman, Sergt. R. E. Moss, and Sergt. Dale E. Winterbourne.

Committee on Social Affairs ; Sergt. Lewis Hall chairman, Sergt. George Booth, and Sergt. Julius Kerl.

### Coming Back

This hospital feeds no scrap heap. Every man, soldier or soldier patient must fit into some position in the world and there perform his personal service.

Those of us who go back physically equal or better than we came away are able to begin where we left off, if we will do so. Back to the old grind with its pleasures as well as its pains. Are you going back better in mind and body ; anxious, willing, ambitious to take up the old job and make good? Or are you spoiled by the routine of army life, going back to slip into a rut and be merely pushed along by those behind you? Are you going to climb upon the scrap heap and wait to be picked out of the discard and placed here or there by some benevolent person or society?

For the less fortunate, those who through service will necessarily go back handicapped by disease or injury, the Government has made arrangement to re-educate, to fit into suitable position where they can still serve, as well or better, than they did in the army. It is expected that each soldier avail himself of the opportunity to fit himself to

better fill his old position or another when he goes back.

A long time ago there sat daily at the king's gate a man asking alms. For some service to the king it was granted him that he ask for that which he most desired from the king as a reward. He asked that he be permitted to wear the royal robes, to ride through the streets of the city on the king's horse, his course through the city to be heralded by the king's heralds crying, "Behold this man whom the king delighteth to honor." This was granted him and the story goes on to say that the next day found him again at the king's gate, back on the old job.

It is not significant that this man arose to this honor. Many men have done more, but it is significant that he was able, after the applause of the multitude to go back to the old job. Can you come back?—*James W. Wood, Capt. M. C.*

### A Few Words on the Diet

One of the very important factors in connection with the cure of tuberculosis is sufficient and proper nourishment. Sufferers from the disease who are run down should be built up and it is most gratifying to us to see this being accomplished. In comparison of the weight results of U. S. A. General Hospital No. 17 with one of the large sanatoriums in the country, where they particularly pride themselves on their exact dietary and the amount of nourishment which the patients derive from it, we find that while their average gain in weight per month is 1.13 pounds, ours is 1.41.

Though this building is definitely aided by the rest, which is also a part of the regime, it is actually accomplished by the food.

Another important aid in the building up is the fresh air, because without the proper amount of oxygen the food will not be burned up, and it is better that it not be taken than not assimilated.



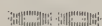
In order to make the mess at U. S. A. General Hospital No. 17 the best in any tuberculosis hospital in the country, we have made a very careful study of the menus of other hospitals both army and civilian and each article of the diet has been considered. The amount of milk, number of eggs, different kinds of meat, the proportion of vegetables and the alternation of various fruits and deserts have all been thought of.

We all know how difficult it is to live in any place, even in the most expensive restaurants, for months without the food getting a little monotonous, and text-books on tuberculosis insist that this is even a little more likely to be true in the case of the patients who are under-exercising while being fed highly, but we find No. 17 to be an exception for our complaints are exceptionally few and our patients not only eat well but enjoy the food and, as a consequence, we are seeing results which are highly pleasing to everybody.

The number of patients whom we have discharged to duty in the past month has been more than our quota, not to mention the number who have been discharged on certificate of disability but in good enough condition to return immediately to work.

The Hospital has been running since March 1918 and during the last six months has averaged about 200 patients. Altogether since the hospital opened we have had 467 patients. Of this number 25 came in on litters and of the whole number since the opening we have had but 8 deaths while 64 have been returned to duty and 85 have been

which we set out to do but the statistics show that U. S. A. General Hospital No. 17 is accomplishing even more satisfactory results than was anticipated, hence, the feeling of pride we have in reviewing our work of the past eleven months.—*Lieut. R. B. Hurst.*



## "After Taps"

### THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW—

If "Richie" doesn't ever tire of talking in his sleep?

What Wilson would do without that laugh?

How long Corp. Karl would sleep if he once had the chance?

If everyone in the squad room remembered to turn his pillow slip inside out last Saturday morning before inspection?

Who says, "hot day" for twenty days restriction?

If Sergt. Moss' beauty sleep from 7:30 to 10 p m, is proving a success?

Where "Westie" learned the art of speedy dressing?

Who's from "the other side of the river?"

Why Schuster gets up so early in the morning?

If the sun and moon had a baby, would the sky-rocket?

What has happened to Munson's mustache?

If, "Oh How I Hate to get up in the Morning" is "Irish's" favorite song?

What will happen next when even the beans "blush" to see the salad "dressing?"

If the "Moguls" little "Fatima," one of the "Egyptian Dieties," who owned a lot of "Camels," yelled "Helmar" or "Omar" when "Herbert Tarreyton" made his "Lucky Strike" on the "Chesterfield" and knocked the ball a "Milo"-r so, "Pall Mall" against "Murad" and made a "Home Run" thereby winning the "Turkish Trophy?"—"Phillip Morris"

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## Are You?

That young man who habitually spits on the steps and in the halls?

That young man who throws cigarette butts most anywhere?

That young man who never scrapes the mud off his feet before entering the buildings?

That young man who constantly grumbles about bad treatment etc. etc. etc?

That young man who never does anything he is told unless he is compelled to?

That young man who feels he knows as much about tuberculosis as the C. O.?

That young man who if he is not given a pass when he asks for it, immediately goes A. W. O. L.?

That young man who insists that the army is run the wrong way?

That young man who thinks John McCormick cannot sing well enough, so helps him when his record is being played on the Victrola?

## Just a Thought

It takes grit, pluck, and stickability to win anything. Bluff gets nowhere and amounts to nothing. The man who tries to bluff his way through life is a poor excuse for what he might have been.

Let him talk and he will show how

much he knows in a short time. It never takes him long. A real fellow who is sincere always wins the respect of others, always succeeds in his undertakings, and always is happy with his accomplishments. He may not accumulate great sums of money but nevertheless he is sought when a responsible job must be done.

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What are your plans? If you were discharged today, what would you do?

When you return home, visit your relatives and friends, what then? Do you have a definite plan to follow when you receive your discharge? Are you thinking of the future? Are you better prepared for civil life now than when you came here? Are you preparing for a new job or are you fitting yourself for better work in your old job? Are you making the best use of your time?

## Insurance

Stick to your insurance policy. It is the cheapest, the most dependable, and most desirable kind of insurance anyone ever bought. You may retain it as long as you live without further physical examination. It is practically impossible for a man who has had tuberculosis to get insurance. Every patient at this hospital who is now carrying insurance should hold on to it as a valuable asset. After he is discharged from the hospital he should continue to pay his premiums.



## The "Count" Says

We plan to have a field meet when Sprint and Swift will compete. The difficulty is that we may have to Errah when J. Gould bets.



Two of Markleton's citizens were killed by a train a few days ago, a rooster and a dog. That leaves the population at present at fifty-two.



Ward Surgeon examining a man:  
"Do you drink anything?"

Patient: "Yes, anything!"



Someone has reported on good authority that there is a little mud in our back yard.



Have you heard the term "Cannon Fodder?" Watch him eat.



The Marigold Quaretté made a hit. Ask four young men.



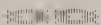
Old King Cold has been good to the Markleton waifs.



It is reported that a certain Lieutenant is very adept at reading palms. Subjects must call upon him before ten o'clock in the evening.



Did you know that the world was finished on Tuesday, the machinery was set in motion on Tuesday, and the boiler began making steam on Tuesday?



## A Movie Machine

The American Red Cross, through Mr. George W. C. Drexel, has recently donated a Powers 6A moving picture machine. We appreciate the interest Mr. Drexel has shown in this place. He has visited us twice, and has sent us a number of very acceptable presents.

## Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt has the distinction of being the greatest all 'round American of his age. He has alternately been adored and hated, cheered and hissed, praised to the skies and cursed to the depths, looked up to as a great constructive and beneficent force and feared as a great destructive and dangerous menace. He had the ability to touch the imagination and arouse the feelings of every class and condition of men. With his wonderful personality he has become a world figure.

It is absolutely impossible to recount the many remarkable qualifications this man possessed. He was a deep scholar, a prominent naturalist and scientist, a great historian, a journalist and philosopher. He was a ranchman and hunter, a boxer, a tennis player, an explorer, a wide and extensive traveler. He was a supreme executive, a financier, a very successful professional politician, a great peace maker, and one of the foremost statesmen of his time.

It is fitting and proper that soldiers pay tribute to this great man, great as a thinker, great as a citizen, and great as a soldier. He should be thought of in connection with the phrase he coined himself as "A hundred per cent American."



## Gift From the Green

### Mountain State

The members of the Saturday Evening Club, of Springfield, Vermont, sent money to the Hospital to be used in purchasing gifts for the men here. They asked Miss Green to be their representative and, she, in behalf of the Club, presented the Recreation Room with some choice phonograph records.

Music brings cheer, so the amount of pleasure that all will derive from this gift is limitless. We thank the members of the Club for the records, and for remembering us.

## Ward A

Our freind Egleston, assistant ward master, had a pass to Uniontown last week. He must have seen something there, for he says he is going to ask for a furlough now. He did not state where he was going, but we can use our imagination.

Ward A was in tears a few days ago when one of our efficient nurses was transfered to the South Ward. She came back the next day. It would have been inconvenient for "K" to go by the South Ward once every day.

We hope that the men working on the new steam line will leave the scaffolding standing. It would serve very well as an elevated between Ward A and the main building. It would be better than the six inches of mud.

The construction work on Ward A is nearly completed. The plumbers are just finishing their work, for which Young and West, "honorable ward masters", are very thankful.

Anyone having wrapped leggins can make money by lending them to Godt. See Pvt. Sprint for particulars.

Pvt. Lee Hooper, one of our patients, has been sent back to duty.

### A Muddy Verse

It is muddy in the roads,  
And muddy in the halls,  
There is mud on the stairways,  
And mud on the walls.  
There never was a fire or flood  
However great or small,  
That has a thing on Markleton mud,  
Since our last rain fall.—A. T. W.

## Service Club Visits Hospital

A few members of the Mothers' Service Club, of Meyersdale, which is composed of mothers who have sons in the service of the Country, visited the Hospital last Friday afternoon and remained for the evening frolic.

The ladies were much interested in everything connected with the hospital. They wished to know how Army hospitals are conducted.

Every mother who visited us has a son over seas, and some of those men went thru the hardest battles.

The ladies here were: Mrs. G. W. Collins, Mrs. Alice J. Leckemly, Mrs. M. T. West, Mrs. J. W. Cook, Mrs. Nannie Martins, Mrs. Onick Henry, Mrs. Mintre Graham, Mrs. J. C. Hostetler, Mrs. James Morgan, Mrs. M. Wildenmann, Mrs. Hilton Thornley, Mrs. Wm. Rae, Mrs. Chas. S. Darrow, Mrs. C. W. Tressler.

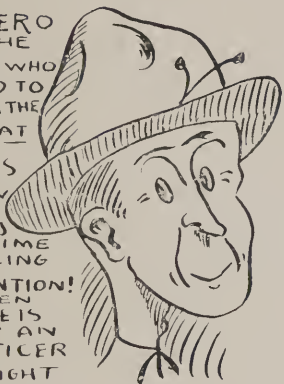
## Red Cross Men Visit Hospital

Mr. Charles Scott, Manager of the Pennsylvania-Delaware Division of the American Red Cross, and Mr. Geo. W. C. Drexel, director of the department of military relief, of the same division, paid us a visit recently. They were very much impressed with what they saw here. Among other things they promised us two buildings, (one for the nurses, and one recreation building) a piano, musical instruments for an orchestra, and a moving picture machine. The buildings have been started, the moving picture machine installed, and the other things ordered shipped. We are certainly glad to welcome these very fine gifts from the Red Cross.

Dr. E. K. Fretwell, Mr. Pellison and Mr. Shaffer, men who have charge of the recreation department of the National Red Cross, visited us and made suggestions concerning the recreation activities. They promised to get in touch with the Pennsylvania-Delaware Division, and arrange to send us a Red Cross Field Director. We shall cordially welcome a Red Cross man.

# ART DEPT

CICERO  
THE  
Boy who  
USED TO  
ROCK THE  
BOAT  
HE IS  
NOW  
Passing  
HIS TIME  
CALLING  
ATTENTION!  
WHEN  
THERE IS  
NOT AN  
OFFICER  
IN SIGHT  
---0---



THIS BIRD



IS THE ORIGINAL  
HASH-BOUND  
HE ALWAYS GRABS THE TRAYS  
FIRST AND IS SORE BECAUSE HE  
ONLY HAS TWO ARMS

No sir !!!  
NO RAIN FOR  
NIGH ON  
THIRTY  
YEAR



AS  
YOU  
WERE

ASK ME  
ANY THING.



DO YOU KNOW  
THAT IF YOU DID  
THAT CHRISTMAS GIFT  
FOUNTAIN PEN IN THE  
INK BOTTLE IT WILL WRITE  
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ORDINARY  
PEN?

I DON'T KNOW

(P.T.) Frank Healy '94

## Officers' Notes

Capt. A. M. Wehenkel, M. C., Capt. H. Rosensohn, Con. Q. M. C., 1st Lt. M. V. Lalbot, S. C., and 2nd Lt. T. L. Dougherty, Q. M. C., spent Sunday the nineteenth in Pittsburgh.

Captain Joseph Walsh, our Commanding Officer, was in Pittsburgh recently.

Lt. James H. Powell recently returned from a visit to his mother at Bennesville, N. C.

Captain J. W. Wood, Chief of Medical Service here, was in Washington, D. C.' the 18th and 19th of this month.

Lt. R. B. Hurst visited his wife in New York City recently.

Lt. H. F. Schantz was a visitor in Washington over Sunday.

Lt. N. J. Gould spent January 25th and 26th in Pittsburgh.

Lt. C. V. Mayhall was discharged from the Army January 25th and returned to his home in Alabama.

## Nurses' Items

Saturday, January 19, several nurses made an auto trip to Cumberland, Maryland. They traveled over the "Old Trai," the road built before the Federal Government was formed. This experience added to the pleasure of the trip.

Those of the party were Misses Head, Geesey, Hitchcock, and Young. Sergeant Booth of the Motor Transport Corps drove the car.

Misses Gustafson, Hauetea, Ward, and Williams were week-end visitors at Pittsburgh.

Miss Hasenfuss is again on the sick list, but we hope to have her active among us again shortly.

Miss Bodkin left on a leave of absence and is now afflicted with the "flu" at home.

Miss Cleary was granted a week's leave of absence to attend to business matters.

Some of the nurses have been annoyed with the "cold infection" prevalent in the hospital at present, but are overcoming their annoyance very readily.

Miss Ross, having received her discharge from the A. N. C., departed for her home in Chicago, Jan. 24.

The last direction "James" received was Cumberland, not Connellsville.

Miss H. and Miss G. are becoming quite famous actresses. Their next play will be: "Not a Man in the House".

We wonder if Miss W. thinks romance is as exciting as she thought it would be?

Two nurses entering the room of another, to enquire concerning the occupants health:

Miss H. — "Gee, my shoes look absolutely terrible"

Miss G. — "And so do mine Mabel"

They proceed to shine their shoes with very poor results.

Miss H. — "I'm through, believe me. I think I shall have R. put the finishing touch to mine."

Miss G. — "Why R.?"

Miss H. — "Oh, ward masters must be kept busy."

Miss G. — "Oh boy, that's a new one."

Fire! Fire!! Fire!!! that is what our nurses' fire-department was thinking but not calling the other night when they smelled a little smoke. The head of the company was on hand and, due to her vigilance, the fire made little headway. The company was mobilized on the second floor and dashed up and down the hall searching for equipment to fight



the fire, and the fire to fight with the equipment. They ran from door to door keeping hot on the hot trail until they came to the large doors at the end. This was locked and our gallant company assembled to decide whether they should wait for the door to burn thru or get the key and open it. By this time the excitement was tense and the head of the company ran for the key, while the rest of the company danced to keep up their courage. At last a sane thot came to someone and she decided to run for an axe. Down the stairs she went, but before she got an implement she stopped—and imagine her feelings on finding the fire located in the South Ward sink.

## A Red Cross Friend

The day our moving picture machine arrived, a letter was sent to Mr. Frank Lanahan, secretary of the Red Cross in Pittsburgh, asking that he send some reels. He sent eight reels by special delivery parcel post. He also arranged for a series of pictures twice a week, to be sent us until the last of February.

Mr. Lanahan is the man who got the Regal car for the use of our auto mechanics class. He also sent us wreaths for decorations, smokes for the men, and candy for the nurses at Christmas time. We appreciate the interest Mr. Lanahan has taken in our hospital.

## Post Exchange

The Post Exchange at this hospital is a departure from the ordinary canteen. It is one of the most inviting, attractive places about the hospital. It is well lighted, well ventilated, and very well supplied with the things men want. The success of the Post Exchange is due to Pvt. Frank Sprint, the genial obliging young man in charge. If he does not have what you want, he will get it.

## Detachment Dope

Pvt. J. C. Skakel spent one day last week in Pittsburgh.

Pvt. Thomas Charmley spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Several of the detachment men spent the evening of January 18th in Connellsville.

Pvts. G. Vivion, Triponel and West went sight seeing Saturday evening and Sunday. Where???

Sergt. J. Thayer, Sergt. Kerl and Corp. Karl were in Rockwood one night last week. How about it "Hacker?"

Sergt. Fred W. Tate is on furlough to St. Louis, Mo. Hurry back Tate, for we miss your smiling face each time the bugle calls us to mess.

Pvt. Alfred Sherman returned Sunday from a ten day furlough spent at his home in LaCrosse, Wis. He says that he is convinced that "absence makes the heart grow fonder."

Pvt. J. Southard returned last Tuesday from a 10 day furlough at his home in East St. Louis, Ill. Long time getting it, but you enjoyed yourself all the more, eh "Jce?"

Pvt. Cecil Carver returned to duty Saturday after spending a few days at his home in Huntington, W. Va. He was called there on account of sickness in the family.

Sergt. O. J. Jennings has returned after spending a 15 day furlough at his home in Phillipsburg, Kan. Having not been home for over two years, "Jack" said the old place sure did look good even though there has been so many changes. And was she proud of her soldier boy, "Jack"?

Sergt. Thayer, when asked to give an explanation as to the fallen hair on his coat collar, said, "How can I avoid falling hair?"

Well, Thayer, when you see it falling step briskly to one side.

Sergts. Clark and Moss spent last week end in Port Marion, Pa. Tell us all about the place fellows, it's a new one on us. Doesn't seem advisable to make the trip though, as it put Clark on the sick list for several days after their return.

Pvt. Clyde Butler spent several days at his home in Johnstown, Pa., last week.

Pvt. Walter Carlow returned Sunday from a ten day furlough which he spent at his home in Gratan, S. Da.

Pvt. Edmund A. Fisher, one of our worthy bakers of the Q. M. C., returned to duty Saturday after spending a 19 day furlough at his home in Kingfisher, Okla.

"Dad" Vrooman's romantic fever has been aroused. Saturday he obtained a pass to Connellsville and there spent his first night away from camp since he enlisted. "Dad" was all smiles when he came back so we surmise he had his good time.

## Who's Who and Why.

### The C. O.

1. He is personally interested in every man in this hospital.
2. He has an attentive ear for everybody, whether buck private or captain.
3. He doesn't want any patient discharged who is not physically fit to go back to civil life.
4. He has a big heart, a sympathetic feeling, and a human understanding.
5. What he doesn't know about Tuberculosis hasn't been found out.

6. He is a thinker, a scholar, a literary man and a genius.

7. Somebody in Washington made a mistake when his commission was written. We know it should have been COLONEL instead of CAPTAIN.

### The Medical Chief

It is impossible to find a broader smile or a more genial disposition than Captain Wood possesses. He can't help it; he was born that way. With his pleasant disposition, he has a firm jaw and means "no" when he says it. The men have learned to know that the Chief lives, thinks, and works for the best interests of the patients. He knows his job from the ground up. A man who has tuberculosis and disregards Captain Wood's advice is in common ordinary army language a d-- fool.

### The Y. M. C. A. Secretary

Mr. Vosburgh is a "regular guy". The only difficulty with him is that he has no more than twenty-four hours a day in which to work. He is interested in everything the men are interested in. He doesn't wear a long pious face, and he doesn't preach all the time. If any man has any troubles, worries or hard problems, Mr. Vosburgh is always anxious to listen to him and then give sound advice.

### The Mess Officer

When it comes to good eats Lieutenant Hurst is a connoisseur. With his wide hotel experience in civil life, combined with his recognized ability, he does things. He recognizes the fact that it is impossible to please everybody, but since he does not lay any claim to being divine, he simply smiles and gives us good things to eat. His happy disposition spreads everywhere. Go in the kitchen any time during the day, and you will hear his loyal workers singing or whistling while they work. Uncle Sam could not have selected a better mess officer for our hospital.



## Gold and Silver Chevrons

Below is a letter to the Editor of the STAR SHELL asking for information. We welcome this request and give the information asked. We shall be glad to receive requests of this nature from anyone here. The STAR SHELL is run for your benefit. We want it to be of service to you.

Editor of the STAR SHELL,

Dear Sir:

Kindly publish in your next issue, the official insignia that may be worn by officers and enlisted men, mentioning both overseas and domestic service, also the significance of the gold and silver stars.

Charles A. Wilson, Ward A

A gold chevron of standard material and design, to be worn on the lower half of the left sleeve of all uniform coats, except fatigue coats, by each officer and enlisted man who has served six months in the zone of the advance in the war, and an additional chevron for each six months of similar service thereafter.

A blue chevron of standard material and design, to be worn on the lower half of the left sleeve of all uniform coats, except fatigue coats, by each officer and enlisted man who has served more than three months and less than six months in the zone of the advance in the war.

A gold chevron of pattern identical with that of the war-service chevron to be worn on the lower half of the right sleeve of all uniform coats, except fatigue coats, by each officer and enlisted man who has a wound.

A silver chevron of the same pattern and worn in the same manner as the gold chevron by each officer, field clerk, and enlisted man who has served for six months during the present war, outside the theater of operations, and an additional silver chevron for each six months of similar service thereafter.

The silver chevron will not be worn by those required to wear either the gold or blue war-service chevron.

The General Orders of the War Department contain no order directing stars to be worn with gold or blue chevrons.

## Interview with Commanding Officer

Selecting ones adjectives will make any one located at Markleton an aesthetist. We must not think of the advantages Markleton would have if located near New York, but of the advantages of Markleton located as it is. The Romans did not speak of the dirty but of the Fauney Tiber.

General Hospital No. 17 is astir with building projects. Wards are being completed, the power house is being enlarged and improved, and Red Cross buildings, for patients and nurses are under way. We are glad to express our thanks to the builders for getting one ward ready as soon as possible so it could be used as a motion picture theatre. The one deplorable thing about the institution, the limited facilities for recreation for the nurses, is being rapidly remedied. The Red Cross building for patients will also go far towards meeting the patients' needs.

A new storage house has been authorized and when it is completed the basement rooms will be cleaned out and used for amusements and administrative purposes.

The Surgeon General's Office is making a special effort to perfect our X-Ray plant. The dark room has been removed and another built in a new situation. Other improvements are being made also. This was especially desirable since the Medical Officers are making special X-Ray studies, and expect to be able to point out some real advances in the diagnoses of tuberculosis of the lungs.

## Fire Regulations

U. S. A. General Hospital No. 17  
Markleton, Pennsylvania

1. The fire department will be under the command of an officer designated as Fire Marshal. In the absence of the Fire Marshal the First Assistant will act.

2. The Fire Marshal will be in charge of the various fire apparatus and be responsible for their serviceability. He will make frequent inspections to ascertain that they are in good condition, in their proper places, and that officers as well as enlisted men and civilian employees have a thorough knowledge of their use.

3. In order that all persons in the garrison understand their duties in case

of fire, fire drills should be frequent, either general drills taking in all the personnel or special in which only some of the personnel, for instance the attendants of one or more wards, the property personnel, etc., take part.

4. The following are the duties of the different officers: The Adjutant will take charge of the property and records in the offices of the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant, the Registrar, and the Sergeant Major. He will appoint by name one of the detachment men in the office to aid him.

5. The Detachment Commander will visit the quarters of the Detachment passing through every room in order to make certain that all members of the detachment are out. He will then go to the place of the fire.

6. The Mess Officer will salvage government records and property in connection with kitchen, dining room, and storage rooms. He will appoint by name one of the enlisted men in the mess department to aid him.

7. The Quartermaster will visit the Quartermaster quarters and see that all men are out. The Quartermaster will then go to the scene of the fire.

8. The Medical Supply Officer will be responsible for the records of both the Quartermaster and himself and responsible for the salvaging of medical supplies if necessary.

9. Ward Surgeons shall repair to their respective ward securing the ward records and helping to reassure the patients, or to remove them to a place of safety. They will superintend the salvaging of ward property if necessary.

10. The Medical Chief will visit the quarters of the officers in order to make sure all are out, leaving all doors open.

11. The Chief Nurse is responsible for the night and day nurses who may be in quarters. She should visit every room leaving all doors open. She is also responsible for the security of the records in her office. Following this she shall go to the North and South Wards and see that bed patients are properly cared for.

12. The Reconstruction Chief will act as Assistant Fire Marshal and take particular charge of the ladder brigade.

13. The Psychological Chief will act as Assistant Fire Marshal No. 2 and take charge of the bucket brigade.

14. The Registrar will act as Assistant Fire Marshal No. 3 and take charge of the hose brigade.

15. On the first alarm the corporal of the guard will open all doors in the guard house.

16. The steps to be taken by the person who first discovers the fire are as follows:

1. First call for help.,
2. Use the chemical extinguisher pail of water, or blanket if the fire is small.
3. If the fire is not within easy reach, the fire hose should be brought into play at once. The fire hose should also be brought into play without hesitation if an extinguisher is found not to be working satisfactorily. Under no circumstances should a nurse trample a fire.

17. The second person on the scene is to go to the fire house and blow the fire alarm acquainting people on the way with the fact of the fire.

18. The nurse of the ward in which the fire occurs should see that all patients are out except those who could be doing something toward extinguishing the fire. When necessary ambulant patients may aid in removing bed patients. On the removal of patients the nurse is to accompany them in order to reassure them and be with them in case of necessity.

19. As soon as the Head nurse of a ward is notified or learns there is a fire in another part of the hospital she should quietly notify the patients who are in best condition so that they may prepare to leave, and if necessary help in the removal of others. The doors of all rooms and bath rooms should be left open so that no one will be overlooked. The nurse should not leave the floor until all the patients are out.

20. In case of fire at night each nurse will proceed to her own ward and act as previously pointed out.

21. If a fire should be seen at a distance, for instance, in another building, the one seeing it should first blow the fire alarm and only then go to the fire to extinguish it or notify those in its vicinity.

22. The names of the non-commissioned officers and privates in the different brigades will be posted on the bulletin board.

23. All non-commissioned officers and privates not otherwise assigned will fall in, in charge of the First Sergt. and await orders.

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